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Language Structures and Conventions

English Home Language

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1. Parts of Speech

- Noun: name of a person, place, thing, or idea (teacher, Johannesburg, book)
- Pronoun: replaces a noun (he, she, it, they, we)
- Verb: shows action or state of being (run, is, think)
- Adjective: describes a noun (tall, red, beautiful)
- Adverb: describes a verb, adjective or adverb (quickly, very, here)
- Preposition: shows relationship (in, on, at, under, between)
- Conjunction: joins words or clauses (and, but, because, although)
- Interjection: expresses emotion (Ouch! Wow!)

2. Tenses

- Simple present: I walk / She walks
- Simple past: I walked
- Simple future: I will walk
- Present continuous: I am walking
- Past continuous: I was walking
- Present perfect: I have walked
- Past perfect: I had walked

3. Active and Passive Voice

FORMULA: Active: Subject + Verb + Object

Passive: Object + "to be" + Past Participle + by Subject

EXAMPLE: Active to passive

Active: The dog chased the cat.

Passive: The cat was chased by the dog.

4. Direct and Indirect Speech

FORMULA: Direct: He said, "I am hungry."

Indirect (Reported): He said that he was hungry.

Note: tense shifts back one step in reported speech

5. Punctuation

- Full stop (.): ends a sentence
- Comma (,): separates items, clauses
- Apostrophe ('): possession or contraction
- Colon (:): introduces a list or explanation
- Semicolon (;): joins related independent clauses